

(3) with respect to item number 668 by striking "for the Town of South Boston, Virginia for renovations and creation of a community arts center at the Prizery" and inserting "for The Prizery in South Boston, Virginia for renovations and creation of a community arts center";

(4) with respect to item number 669 by striking "for the City of Moneta, Virginia for facilities construction and renovations of an art, education, and community outreach center" and inserting "for the Moneta Arts, Education, and Community Outreach Center in Moneta, Virginia for facilities construction and renovations";

(5) with respect to item number 910 by striking "repairs to" and inserting "renovation and construction of"; and

(6) with respect to item number 902 by striking "City of Brooklyn" and inserting "Fifth Ave Committee in Brooklyn".

SEC. 5022. Section 308 of division B of Public Law 108-447 is amended by striking all after the words "shall be deposited", and inserting "as offsetting receipts to the fund established under 28 U.S.C. 1931 and shall remain available to the Judiciary until expended to reimburse any appropriation for the amount paid out of such appropriation for expenses of the Courts of Appeals, District Courts, and Other Judicial Services and the Administrative Offices of the United States Courts."

SEC. 5023. Section 198 of division H of Public Law 108-447 is amended by inserting "under title 23 of the United States Code" after "law".

SEC. 5024. The District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108-335) approved October 18, 2004, is amended as follows:

(1) Section 331 is amended as follows:

(A) in the first sentence by striking the word "\$15,000,000" and inserting "\$42,000,000, to remain available until expended," in its place, and

(B) by amending paragraph (5) to read as follows:

"(5) The amounts may be obligated or expended only if the Mayor notifies the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate in writing 30 days in advance of any obligation or expenditure."

(2) By inserting a new section before the short title at the end to read as follows:

"SEC. 348. The amount appropriated by this Act may be increased by an additional amount of \$206,736,000 (including \$49,927,000 from local funds and \$156,809,000 from other funds) to be transferred by the Mayor of the District of Columbia to the various headings under this Act as follows:

"(1) \$174,927,000 (including \$34,927,000 from local funds, and \$140,000,000 from other funds) shall be transferred under the heading 'Government Direction and Support': *Provided*, That of the funds, \$33,000,000 from local funds shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That of the funds, \$140,000,000 from other funds shall remain available until expended and shall only be available in conjunction with revenue from a private or alternative financing proposal approved pursuant to section 106 of DC Act 15-717, the 'Ballpark Omnibus Financing and Revenue Act of 2004' approved by the District of Columbia, December 29, 2004, and

"(2) \$15,000,000 from local funds shall be transferred under the heading 'Repayment of Loans and Interest', and

"(3) \$14,000,000 from other funds shall be transferred under the heading 'Sports and Entertainment Commission', and

"(4) \$2,809,000 from other funds shall be transferred under the heading 'Water and Sewer Authority'."

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AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. GARRETT OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey:

At the end of title V (relating to general provisions), insert the following:

SEC. ____ (a) OFFSETTING GOVERNMENT-WIDE RESCISSION.—Of the discretionary budget authority for fiscal year 2005 provided in appropriation Acts for fiscal year 2005 (other than this Act), there is rescinded the total amount determined by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to be required to offset the discretionary budget authority that is provided in titles II and IV of this Act (relating to international programs and tsunami relief) and designated as an emergency requirement.

(b) APPLICATION.—The rescission made by subsection (a)—

(1) shall take effect upon the enactment of this Act;

(2) shall not apply to the discretionary budget authority provided for the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, and Veterans Affairs; and

(3) shall be applied proportionately to the discretionary budget authority provided for each other department, agency, instrumentality, and entity of the Federal Government.

(c) REPORT.—Within 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report specifying the reductions made to each account, program, project, and activity pursuant to this section.

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey (during the reading). Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The Acting CHAIRMAN (Mr. SHIMKUS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Chairman, I reserve a point of order on the gentleman's amendment.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The gentleman reserves a point of order.

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, the question before us today, I believe, is how now shall we live within the confines of the budget that we have to deal with? Shall we live within the boundaries that we have set for ourselves and set an example for our generation today and the future, or should we ignore those boundaries that we have imposed upon ourselves and spend in excess?

Right now we are in the process, as we know, of doing the budget for next year, the 2006 budget. We are setting up the framework of what we will be spending for next year. And so I think it is fitting and appropriate that we look at the supplemental today and the amendment that I have presented to see whether or not we will fit within that budget confines, whether or not we will fit within that area or, instead, will we exceed it and say that a budget

really is nothing more than a charade and not explain exactly what we will be spending for any point in time.

Let me just say that I applaud the chairman, and I applaud the members of the committee for doing what they said they would do as has been reported in the paper. To use the chairman's own words, they have taken the President's proposal and scrubbed it thoroughly for many points that they thought appropriate to remove from that spending proposal. My question, though, is, can we do a little bit better? Can we go a little bit further? Can we do exactly what we ask families to do back at home?

Think for a moment. What would a family do today if they faced emergency expenditures like we are looking at in the supplemental right now, families who maybe have to see extra car payments or medical expenses? What would a family do? A family would probably have to do what we should be doing right here, and that is limit our spending elsewhere, reduce some other unnecessary spending so that we have that money for the emergency spending.

If we look in the supplemental, there are a number of points in there that have already been raised by others. I will just point to one of them, the aid for tsunami victims. That started at \$35 million, went up to \$150 million, then \$350 million, and now we are looking at \$950 million. Some would question whether we can even spend all that before the end of this fiscal year. As a matter of fact, I spoke with people from the World Bank and they said that they are not even sure where the money would all be going to. They do not have an exact figure as to what we should be spending on long-term needs, so we can question whether or not we should be spending that money.

But given that we can argue that back and forth, let us take that as a given that we should spend the entire \$950 million for tsunami relief. I would ask this, as we stand here before the world as a body saying that we are going to do the charitable thing and give money to the tsunami victims, are we really exercising any charity there when we, in fact, say, we're not going to be paying for it, we're asking our kids and our grandkids to pay for it in excessive spending and deficit spending in future generations?

Again, I applaud the chairman for the good start that they have done in this committee by scrubbing the budget and trying to find some offsets. I would simply say, can we not do a little bit better and find completely all offsets for all of the spending that we are doing, aside from the military defense spending, for all the excessive spending in the bill? It is around \$4 billion. How much would it really come out to be? If you are looking at the budget that we have right now that we are living under, \$2.5 trillion, and you are trying to find savings or offsets of around \$4 billion, that is only two-